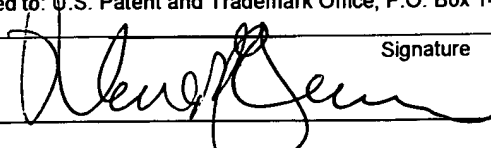




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Sir:

This paper is submitted as a response to the office action dated February 10, 2004, and to the notice mailed on April 15, 2004. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees required for any reason relating to this paper, from Howrey Simon Arnold & White Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 10872.0332.NPUS00.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

This paper responds to the office action mailed February, 10, 2004 ("the office action"). The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in light of the following remarks.

In the response filed on March 16, 2004, applicants elected Group I, claims 1-15, and Species A corresponding to Figures 1, 4 and 5.

Claims 1-9, 14 and 15 read on Species A.

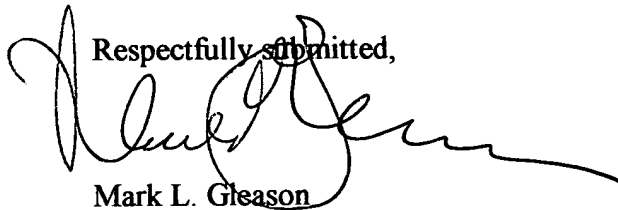
DRAWINGS

A set of formal drawings is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 952.474.3701 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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